

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is a major preventable environmental health problem faced by children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, last year, over 400 children were diagnosed with lead poisoning in the State of South Carolina; and

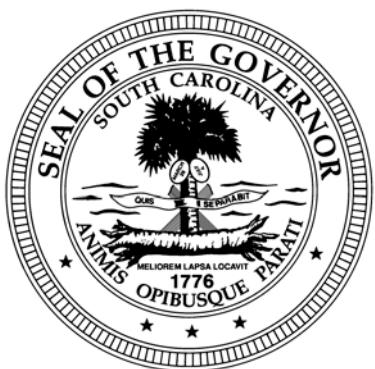
WHEREAS, even at low and moderate levels, lead poisoning can cause decreased intelligence, shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, reading and learning disabilities, and other developmental problems; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week provides an opportunity to work together to ensure that children throughout South Carolina and the nation learn, develop, grow, and mature in an environment free from the harmful effects of lead.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19 - 25, 2003, as

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of lead poisoning.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA